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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a method and a device for transmitting a data stream, especially a multimedia data stream, from at least one transmitting facility to at least one receiving facility. In this method, the data stream is split into data units. At successive times, in each case at least a part of the data units is transmitted in such a manner that the at least one receiving facility can begin complete reception of the data stream at any of the successive times.